

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant

:Loria

Application No.

:09/225,499

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For

:5-ANDROSTENE-3β,17α-DIOL AS AN INHIBITOR

OF TUMOR GROWTH

Examiner

:Goldberg, J.

Group Art Unit

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 filed herewith, and in response to the final Office Action of May 24, 2002 for the above-referenced application, the following Amendments and Remarks are respectfully submitted.

AMENDMENTS

Please cancel claim 21 without prejudice to further prosecution.

Please amend claims 15 and 24 as follows:

T5. (Four Times Amended) A composition of matter for inhibiting tumors comprising a tumor inhibiting effective amount of 5-androstene-3 β , 17 α -diol or an ester or ether thereof of the formula: